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TAGS: SOPN OVIP (KING HASSAN II) MO

SUBJECT: PRESS PLAY ON POSTPONEMENT OF KING'S TRIP TO U.S.

REF: STATE 73100

1. AP ITEM DATED RABAT APRIL 20 REPORTS POSTPONEMENT OF KING'S TRIP TO U.S. AP QUOTES "U.S. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN" AS SAYING TRIP POSTPONED AT KING'S REQUEST BUT THAT MOROCCO GAVE ASSURANCES THAT THIS DID NOT REFLECT ANY DETERIORATION IN THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

2. WE HAVE MADE NO STATEMENTS FOR PUBLICATION ON THIS SUBJECT. AP'S MIKE GOLDSMITH, WHO AUTHORED PIECE, CALLED ON ME LAST WEEK TO ASK ABOUT RUMORS OF POSTPONEMENT. I GAVE HIM ON BACKGROUND GIST OF "IF ASKED" PORTION OF PARA 3 REFTEL.

3. MEANWHILE, SEMI-OFFICIAL MOROCCAN PRESS AGENCY (MAP) HAS ISSUED DENIAL OF A CAIRO RADIO BROADCAST EVIDENTLY BASED ON THE AP ITEM. MAP NOTES THAT CAIRO RADIO ATTRIBUTED TO MOROCCAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION STATEMENT THAT KING HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE TRIP TO U.S. SINE DIE, AND THAT INTERPRETATIONS ON THIS HAD BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO OTHER GOM SOURCES. MAP CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT GOM OFFICIALS MADE DECLARATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. THIS SUBJECT HAS PROBABLY BEEN CLOSED BY MAP DENIAL AS FAR AS LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE IS CONCERNED. WE THINK
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IT BEST TO KEEP LOW PROFILE AND ARE PLANNING NO PUBLIC

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